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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Colombia*: draft resolution

Programme of work for 1994-1995

The Commission on Science and Technology for Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 47/212 and 47/214 of 23 December 1992,

"Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on programme proposals for the biennium 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development, 1/ in particular paragraphs 2 and 5,

"1. Reaffirms the mandates and functions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as the main substantive organ of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the global issue of science and technology for development;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

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"2. Also reaffirms the need to count on the substantive support of an efficient Secretariat provided with a level of resources commensurate with its functions;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of programme 17 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and, in particular, to provide resources for the implementation of the activities proposed for the biennium 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development, 1/ taking into account the priority attached to these activities within the medium-term plan;

"4. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Secretariat unit having primary responsibility for the implementation of programme activities in the field of science and technology for development, including the substantive servicing of the Commission, will be managed in an integrated manner, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide for its strengthening in terms of the efficient organization of the Secretariat;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to make sufficient provisions within the programme budget for 1994-1995 for the implementation of technical cooperation activities in the field of science and technology;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to clarify the division of labour and coordination arrangements for the efficient functioning of Secretariat units in the field of science and technology for development, particularly the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions;

"7. Expresses concern regarding the proposed abolition of the Task Force on Science and Technology for Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the negative impact this may have on the quality of coordination of system-wide activities in these fields;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for convening at least four inter-sessional ad hoc panels/workshops on specific issues in the field of science and technology, which will provide crucial input into the work of the Commission in terms of independent, specialized and expert advice;

"9. Urges the Secretary-General to make every possible effort to adhere strictly to existing rules and to avoid the repetition of the regrettable experience of the late issuance of documentation for the first session of the Commission."